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MOANS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

MERIWEATHER GODSEY TAKES OVER PANNILL COMMONS

DANIEL MARSDEN '23
STAFF WRITER

Freshman matriculating to Hampden-Sydney are no doubt aware that the Pannill Commons dining hall has held a certain unflattering moniker throughout the years. Ask any returning student about the Pannill Commons, and he will simply raise his puzzled eyebrow until he remembers that the Commons is the actual name for the place simply known as "The Moans." This unfortunate name is derived from the students' lamentation as the food enters and exits the body. However, with the advent of a new food provider at Hampden-Sydney, the name may finally be retired.

Starting this semester, Meriwether Godsey will provide food at Hampden-Sydney, and big changes are coming. Meriwether Godsey will operate both the Pannill Commons and the Tiger Inn. Since they already services Sweet Briar and Guilford College, H-SC will be in the center of their ecosystem, which should alleviate some supply chain issues. The Tiger Inn's menu will be reworked to allow for more healthy options while keeping student favorites avail-



able. Food swipes will now be usable at the Tiger Inn, allowing students to have more dietary options. The Commons is also receiving an overhaul. The majority of the food lines will be self-service, and there are plans to implement a reusable take-away tray system. What about the Menu? Scott Teachey '24 is a representative from the H-SC Food Committee and had a chance to sample the new menu. Teachey exclaimed that "the food tasted great." He was treated with a homemade 100% beef burger, potato salad, mac and cheese, baked beans, and a new signature Tiger Cookie. Teachey has "no doubt that

the food will be great every day." Additionally, Meriwether Godsey is keeping many usable features of the previous system. The hours of operation will be comparable to those under Thompson Hospitality, the previous food provider. The omelette bar and speciality themed nights are back and in full operation. Meriwether Godsey has hired certain cherished staff members, providing a sense of continuity with the fresh ideas and improved quality they are bringing. Teachey explained that "Meriwether Godsey aren't in the food service business; they do customer service." Meriweth-

er Godsey will refine their services as they learn what the H-SC community prefers. Teachey explained that the "food committee will be in full swing this fall" and is looking for Freshman involvement. If you are interested, contact Scott Teachey at TeacheyB24@hsc.edu. Meriwether Godsey is changing the game for food at Hampden-Sydney. Their genuine interest in student feedback will play an essential role in shaping the operation of the Tiger Inn and the Commons. Call me an optimist, but this writer is excited to finally stop moaning about the food at H-SC.

VIRGINIA PROGRAM AT OXFORD RESUMES AFTER 2 YEAR HIATUS

RICHARD JONES '25
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The COVID-19 Pandemic saw the end of many establishments across the world. Many theaters drew their curtains. Many hotels locked up their rooms. Many restaurants closed their doors. It was a very scary time. For Dr. Glyn Redworth, one of the scariest parts of the pandemic was when it threatened the Virginia Program at Oxford. "The cancellation [of VPO] for two years was a great blow," Redworth, a long-time lecturer and tutor for the Program, commented, "partly because the Virginia Program is not only regarded as one of the finest summer programs in Oxford, but also because it is thought to be one of the oldest if not the very first such program." The shutdown of societies across the world threatened to take with it one of the most important international programs between America and Great Britain. But what exactly is the Virginia Program at Oxford? The Virginia Program (VPO for short) began in the year 1981, accord-

ing to the Program's British Director Dr. Kenneth Fincham. It exclusively serves six schools in the state of Virginia: Roanoke College, Mary Baldwin University, Washington and Lee University, the Virginia Military Institute, Sweet Briar College, and, most importantly, Hampden-Sydney College. It is a six-week program where a total of thirty-six students study English history and literature from during the Tudor and Stuart eras. Although every school previously listed has an extensive history with the Program, Hampden-Sydney has been especially important. "Since 1981, Hampden-Sydney has been sending students to the Virginia Program at Oxford," Fincham stated, "this year [there were] fifteen students from Hampden-Sydney who contributed a great deal to the Program." Out of the six schools at VPO, Hampden-Sydney made up the majority of students on the Program this year. In addition to attending daily lectures given by everyone from learned professors to knights of the realm and seeing plays at Shake-

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NEWS

ROTC TRAINS AT FORT KNOX



Drake Kalinowski '23
News Editor

Summer is normally a time associated with relaxation, rest, and a break from the constant momentum of life as a student. For the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets in the class of 2023, however, it was the culmination of their time as a cadet: three years of studying, training, and conditioning themselves to be put to the test over five long weeks in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Cadets Ian Novak, Andrew Davis, Grayson Phillips, and Drake Kalinowski attended cadet summer training (CST) this summer, where they were pushed to their physical, mental, and emotional limits. The cadets underwent various training exercises, including a written test for map reading, a practical exercise in land navigation, basic rifle marksmanship, a brief stay in a tear gas chamber, and twelve days in a tactical field environment. CST is one of the final steps a ROTC cadet takes to become an Army officer. It is CST which provides insight into the type of leader and follower the cadet is and also allows the Army a chance to assign points to the cadet for their individual performance in tasks like rucks, riflery, and land navigation. These points are added to the points garnered by the cadet during their three years in

the ROTC program, and it is these points in addition to end of CST evaluations that place the Cadet in the national ranking. The various military occupational specialties (MOS) then pick and choose the cadets they want for their programs, like military intelligence, infantry, or aviation. Because of this, CST is probably the single most important event in the ROTC career of a cadet, which is also why it must be so strenuous. Cadets wake up early, eat just enough to get through the day, perform difficult mental and physical tasks, and go to sleep late to test their mental and physical resilience. This resilience testing helps reveal the type of person the cadet is to the cadre of training officers and noncommissioned officers who evaluate them. The cadre then grade the cadets, both in garrison during events like the obstacle course and in the field where tactics and strategy are put to the test. The cadets must show the best of themselves to both the cadre and the peers, both of which evaluate and rank the cadet within their forty-man platoon. But what does a day of training at Fort Knox actually look like? The answer is that it varies based on whether a platoon is in the field or in garrison. In garrison, where much of the first three weeks is spent, the platoon typically wakes up between

four and five. They conduct hygiene, attend a formation for accountability, and then they receive their food and the tentative timeline for the day. Typically, there is only one training event for the day. Some events, like basic first aid and the chemical warfare training, occur on the same day due to the shortness of the training. Different companies within the broader regiment of cadets conduct different training at different times. While Cadet Kalinowski was conducting the land navigation practical, Cadet Phillips was learning first aid and how to respond to chemical threats. Typically, the cadets eat an MRE for lunch and continue training shortly afterward until five p.m., when dinner is normally served. After dinner, any important information is disseminated, cadet leadership within the platoon is switched, and the platoon conducts hygiene and goes to sleep. In the field, however, the platoon operates differently. They wake up early and stay on guard while only a handful of cadets conduct hygiene or eat. Typically, they fend off attacks by hostile forces either that morning or the night before, and receive the mission of the day around five-thirty a.m. The platoon then conducts the first of four or five missions, after which leadership changes. Finally, the

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OXFORD CONT'D

spere's Globe Theater in London, the students of VPO are introduced to the British tutorial system, a staple of university life in Great Britain. Instead of the usual class and homework for each and every day of the week that we Americans are used to, students of the British tutorial system are given a reading list and prompt for each of their courses at the beginning of the week and are told to have at it. At the end of the week, they turn in a paper to their tutors before the start of a small group discussion about the prompt and its broader top-

ic. Both the paper and the discussion have the same weight in determining one's grade; the fight is not over after you turn your paper in. As Kate Allan, a Resident Tutor for the Program and one of the nicest people that this reporter has ever met, stated, "The strengths of the tutorial system are its collaborative space and the fact that it is largely student-led." This format, she correctly claimed, led to a greater sense of "intellectual adventure" for the students of VPO. After a little while, many students adjusted to



LIFE

ROLLING INTO THE SEASON

A FIRST LOOK AT TIGER BALL

Los Tigres Españoles

DANIEL STACHOWSKI '25
SPORTS EDITOR

With this summer concluding to a swift end, here we all are back on The Hill once again. This might be a bizarre time for some of our new brothers here on campus but fear not. If you are a new freshman reading this article pay close attention because I wrote this with you all in mind. This fall semester some of you might be looking forward to hooking up with mid-looking broads from Longwood or maybe an opportunity to drink underage, but let me assure you better things than that are ahead. Women and alcohol might be nice, but nothing beats watching our Tigers play on gameday. Of course, women and alcohol will also be there on gameday for your enjoyment as well, but that is not the point I am alluding to here. Not to go on a tangent, but as some

of you can relate, the best part about the fall semester is that we get to watch H-SC football. Although I am only a sophomore here, the best memories I've made so far are relaxing on a lazy weekend and watching our boys put in work on that field. The energy you will find on our campus during football weekends is insane. Our tailgating is by far the best in all of Division III Athletics. The entire town of Farmville shows up just to watch our boys play. You will see entire families, professors, and most importantly H-SC students everywhere on The Hill. There is no greater feeling than being at Hampden Sydney on a football weekend. As a writer for The Tiger, I have been given an opportunity to meet with and interview a few of our studs to hear what they had to say. As you can see down below I asked a few intrusive questions and got some honest feedback...

GEORGE LANGHAMMER '24
LIFE EDITOR

In my mind, a language immersion program aims to immerse students in a language and culture that gives them new experiences. The Hampden-Sydney Spanish immersion program fulfilled that goal. When we arrived in our city for the month, Alcalá de Henares, the experience began as soon as we got off the bus. Most of the host families spoke little to no English, meaning you had to use Spanish if you wanted to communicate. However, talking with the locals helped me become more comfortable speaking. My host mom would take me to her friends's houses for coffee, where they would tell me stories of what it was like to live in Spain under Franco. Then I would get drinks with Spanish students from the university, and we would chat about cultural differences and what it was like for them to live there. The insight I gained truly bettered my understanding of the cultural norms and how people live in Spain. Our group also spent a lot of time with our two professors, Germán Salinas & Dieudonné Afatsawo, inside and out of the classroom. They accompanied us on all our cultural excursions to places like the royal palace in Madrid or the Museo Prado, an art museum. In addition, we went with them to other cities such as Toledo, Segovia, and a region of Spain called La Mancha. Of course, we still did have class, but it did not feel like anything at Hampden-Sydney because life in Spain is so different. Life is slower there, and every

day we would have a large break, or siesta, to go home and get lunch. The class would often meet early before our second session for coffee at one of the cafes in the central plaza. Then after class, we would sit at a restaurant for tapas, a snack that comes with a drink like potatoes or olives, before heading home for the evening to get dinner with our host families. By the end of our time there, it felt like a routine, and I knew then we had immersed ourselves in the experience. My favorite part about studying abroad was the trip we took on our free weekend to a small town in the south of the country, Huétor Santillán. The town is situated on the side of a mountain, which made walking to the shops a workout. However, our house had a pool and amazing views of the surrounding mountains. Then a world heritage site, Alhambra, was only a 30-minute car ride away, and we took a tour through the palace and gardens. Finally, on our last day there, I hiked to a cross at the top of a mountain near our house. The trip was an unforgettable experience that was only made possible by going abroad. More Hampden-Sydney students should take advantage of the programs Global Ed has to offer. I went in knowing almost nothing about what we would do or what to expect from my time in Spain, but I came out of it more than satisfied with my decision to go. Every day I was learning something new through experiences you can't get by just sitting in a classroom. Look into studying abroad as part of your Hampden-Sydney experience.

What does putting on a Hampden Sydney jersey mean to you?

“There is definitely a lot of history behind our football at HSC. I know I have big shoes to fill and I love it. We all move as a team. Even if you haven't played a single minute all of the coaches care about you too, were one family. If anyone asked if I had any doubts, coming here was the best decision I ever made”

-Patrick Coronado '25,
Defensive Linemen

How would you describe that HSC game day atmosphere from a player's perspective?

“It doesn't matter whether you are a freshman or a senior, there will always be a feeling of anxiety. We have a prestigious history when it comes to our football. We don't want to let anyone down—our professors, fans, peers, but ultimately ourselves. Before games, we all sit together in silence. We all think together, we all pray together. We're all so disciplined. It's surreal. Once we put that suit on were one unit. We all tap the tiger and we're war-ready”

- Patrick Coronado '25,
Defensive Linemen

If you had a piece of advice for the incoming first-year students, whether they're an athlete or not, what would you say?

“You're going to get humbled, straight up. Everyone goes through a reality check, whether on the field or in the classroom, but that's okay. Everyone needs to go through a good test here and there to see what they're made of. Just keep going. In the face of adversity, you must give it your all.”

- Patrick Coronado '25,
Defensive Linemen

“Gameday at Hampden Sydney is something special. We have the number 1 attendance for DIII football. All of your classmates are up on the Hill having a good time. You can just feel the energy in Farmville on gameday.”

- Will Pickren '24,
All ODAC Defensive Back,

How do you personally feel about the change in coaching staff?

“My advice for any freshman is to be active at HSC any way they can. Be a part of the brotherhood, don't just sit in your room. Join a club or a fraternity, it's a great way to make some new friends.”

- Will Pickren '24,
All ODAC Defensive Back

“For the athletes: come in shape, be a fast learner, be coachable. Those were the keys to my success here. For my nonathletes, just learn your study habits. With those habits molded everything else will fall into place. Don't be intimidated here either. Get to know your professors, find a mentor, and just give it your best.”

- “Big Mike”,
All ODAC Defensive Linemen

What are you excited most about this upcoming season? Any big goals for this year?

“I'm so excited to play what will probably be my last season of college football. The biggest goal on my mind though honestly is to bring home that ring. To put it bluntly, we've been coming up short, and it's time for that to change.”

- “Big Mike”,
All ODAC Defensive Linemen

If you made it this far, congratulations. If any of you reading wish to send in your own questions or things you'd rather hear me write about please email me, it is always appreciated. I wish all of you nothing but a successful fall semester in and out of the classroom. Hopefully you all make it to Greek Week.... Roll Tigers forever.



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Cartoon

SAMUEL ROBELEN '23
CARTOONIST



HAGER EATS:
FARMVILLE FOOD
AND DRINK

BENJAMIN HAGER '23
STAFF COLUMNIST

Following the graduation of our former Editor-in-Chief Michael Van Citters '22, I'll be taking over (and expanding on) his "Beer of the Week" column with Hager Eats: Farmville Food and Drink. With each column, I'll give an overview of a Farmville restaurant and I'll take a deep dive into one or two of the food items as well as one or two (or three or four) of the drinks. I'm going to avoid chain restaurants, although Buffalo Wild Wings isn't off the table. I'm looking for variety; I'll visit places like Walker's Diner, Granny B's Market, Flavors of India, and more in an effort to introduce you to some of Farmville's timeless favorites as well as some hidden gems.

Big Daddy's Saloon and Tap-house is going to be my first stop when I get back to Farmville. With weekly live music, a large selection of beer on tap, and "the best wings in town," this is one of the lesser-known spots in Farmville that you don't want to miss out on. Just make sure you don't park in Big Daddy's parking spot.

Sitting just two minutes from campus on Abilene road, Granny B's Market is a fan-favorite that's been feeding Sydney students for years. You can't go wrong with the always-hot, always satisfying southern soul-food that Granny B cooks up.

For those looking for a more formal dinner, Taproot Tavern in the Hotel Weyanoke is a great option. My

mom once said that their salmon was "the best [she'd] ever had," and I've definitely never had a bad meal there. I'm excited to return to Taproot, especially since I can finally legally enjoy a nice glass of wine.

Offering freshly-made sandwiches, cold milkshakes, and hot cups of coffee, Uptown Coffee Cafe is a great place to stop if you're walking down Main Street in downtown Farmville.

Just a block away from Uptown is Walker's Diner. Walker's might be my favorite place to eat in Farmville—and that's saying something, because the competition is fierce. Walker's serves all of the breakfast classics you could want, and the lunch sandwiches are top-notch too.

If there's any restaurant that could rival Walker's in my book, it's Flavors of India. Indian food has never been my favorite, but that changed when I tried their mango chicken. The samosas, chicken tikka, even the naan bread—it's all heavenly. If you like Indian food, you simply have to experience Flavors of India.

The above restaurants are far from a comprehensive list; I'm sure many of you are screaming "What about Macado's? What about The Fishin' Pig? What about North Street Press Club???" Don't worry, I'll be hitting the classics too. If you have any restaurant suggestions or if you want to join me for one of my dining excursions, don't hesitate to contact me on

instagram @haygerbomb or via email at hagerb23@hsc.edu. Happy eating!

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JOHN TORIAN '24
CRUCIVERBALIST

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14. Kind of cut
15. Swiftly
16. Scoop
17. Vindictive
19. Roman fiddler
20. Diamonds, slangily
21. Common connector
22. "Time And Free Will" philosopher
24. Excessive fondness
26. Disco state of mind
27. Skewered Thai dish
29. 70's style house
33. Big times
36. Yours and mine
38. Resided
39. Swollen
41. Go bad
42. Wear on ones sleeve
43. Cartoon art

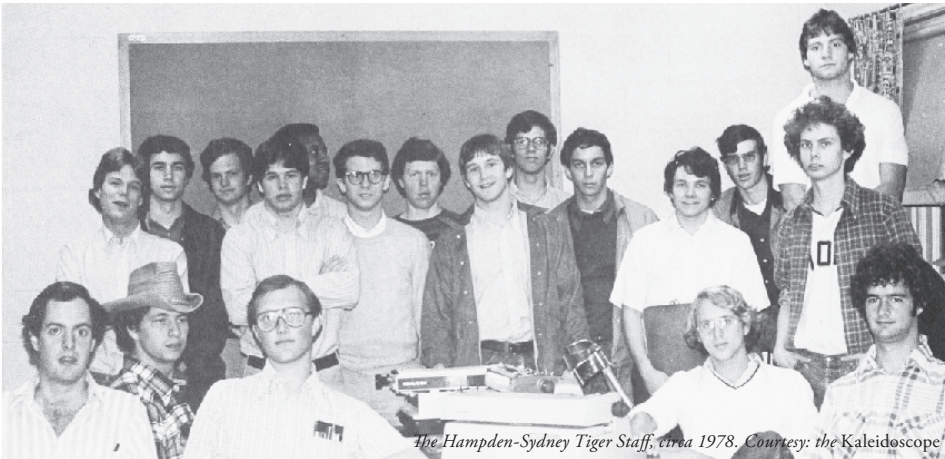
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46. Ugly duckling
47. Bacon units
49. Winter home
51. Despoils
53. Castrato, e.g.
57. Royal Shakespeare Company's work
60. Owns
61. The Way
62. What mobsters pack
63. Allow again
66. Approximate phrase
67. Harden
68. Tylenol's Target
69. Computer operator
70. Color changers
71. Highlander

Down

1. Sharp to the nose
2. Comes before Roman
3. Reinforce a wall with bricks
4. Impress
5. "X-Men" villain
6. Copied
7. W.W. II fliers
8. Diver's duds
9. Montana capital
10. Prog rock band

11. Singles
12. Bushy hair
13. High time?
18. Hindu mendicant
23. Dig through
25. Merger
26. Heartburn
28. Ambience
30. Affirm
31. Self-referential
32. Nice place
33. Greek vowels
34. Shrimp
35. Mideast ruler
37. Bachelor
40. Train stop
45. Delights
48. Rotten
50. Boot
52. Minute
54. Upstate New York city
55. Secret stash
56. Monopoly purchase
57. Biblical pronoun
58. Towel embroidery
59. Leisure
60. German gentleman
64. Wish undone
65. This paper



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Letters to the Editor

Letters from the Student Government

To both new and returning students, welcome to life on The Hill!

A year of concerts all around campus, great games on the fields and on the courts, and late-night study sessions in Bortz awaits us. Throughout your academic career at Hampden-Sydney, you will constantly hear the irrefutable quote “Come as boys, so you may leave as men,” or as written on the college gates, “*Huc venite iuvenes ut exeatis viri.*” There are many different ways this transformation may occur, but none of which happen alone.

One of the most important aspects of Hampden-Sydney is the brotherhood which we are all a part of. This college and its students find its strength in the bonds we share. The classes we take, the positions we hold, and the labs we endure will test each and every one of us at some point. Although we may stumble along the way, we need to pick each other up when we need it most. Now more than ever, I encourage each of you to pick your brothers up and support them when they really need it. Of equal importance, we must rely on each other and not be afraid to ask for help. The moment each of us signed the Honor Code, we joined this brotherhood; and, it is up to us to strengthen it every day by strengthening the bonds between each other regardless of race, age, religion, and sexuality. Above all else, we are brothers. I see each of you as family, and I hope you grow to do the same during your time here. Lastly, to the freshmen, reach out to your classmates and upperclassmen as soon as you can. Building your support system and finding friends early will help you for years to come.

To the upperclassmen, reach out to the younger guys, take them under your wing, and give them as much advice as you can. The lessons that you have learned on your journey may help others on theirs. Although this school year may be difficult, always know that you are not alone.

Together, we can make these four years at Hampden-Sydney the best of our lives— together, we can become the good men and good citizens that the college gates promised we would become.

Trey Grimes ‘23
Student Body President

Welcome back to the Hill!

This is shaping up to be an amazing breakthrough semester for the College Activities Council (CAC). Returning students will be familiar by now with much of CAC’s events and activities, but this semester will be different than any before—you got a teaser of some of our new plans last semester with the ever-popular trivia and karaoke nights at the Tiger Inn, but that’s just the beginning.

Like in years passed, CAC will be hosting videogame tournaments, fishing tournaments, and small bands throughout the year as well as huge concerts for homecoming and greek week (We’ve already been in contact with the booking company about homecoming bands. Reach out to us over instagram @hsccollegeactivitiescouncil if you have any special requests). This year, however, we’ll be ramping things up. With the completion of the multipurpose area between Lake Chalgrove and the Rhetoric Studio, we have more opportunities to host lakeside events and concerts with a fully-working sound and lighting system in the trees above. Additionally, expect to see bigger and better prizes for competitions and raffles than ever before—I’m talking 72-inch television big—so you don’t want to miss these events.

We’ve also been talking with Sweetbriar’s College Events Organization (CEO) about 1) bringing back time-honored traditions like the “Lakehouse Party” and 2) Starting new joint event traditions that will last for years to come. Keep an eye out for announcements about these events as we approach the middle of the semester.

After the wildly successful trivia and karaoke nights at the Tiger Inn last semester, we’ll continue to host each of those events about once a month. As previously mentioned, both will involve bigger prizes, and whoever follows in the footsteps of last semester’s “Chi Phi B Team” and “The Brinkley Boys” as Trivia Champions will get even more bragging rights as they receive lasting recognition for their win.

Your CAC members for the 2022-23 academic year are Benjamin Hager ‘23, Jake Kern ‘23, Carson Roth ‘23, Will Krueger ‘24, Will Harrison ‘24, Charles Adams ‘25, and Connor Kitson ‘25. Each of these guys is going to be a vital part of what we do this year, and I’m really excited to see what we can do for the student body. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, reach out to any of us or contact us on instagram @hsccollegeactivitiescouncil.

Roll Tigers,

Benjamin Hager ‘23
College Activities Council Chairman

Brothers,

Let me be among the first to welcome you to The Hill. Very soon you will be able to enjoy the fruits of your labor over the past few years as you begin to settle and thrive within this community. I would also like to celebrate your decision to join our esteemed Brotherhood. You will find that this is a special place full of students, faculty, and staff that are committed to providing you the time and resources to become a far stronger individual. Each of these groups are truly committed to upholding the College’s motto, which is “*Huc venite iuvenes ut exeatis viri*”, or better known in English as, “Come here as youths so you may leave as men”. The dedication to education and growth is especially strong within our Brotherhood, who will encourage you to try and experience new things through the vast number of student-ran organizations and clubs.

On the topic of brotherhood, I would like to discuss with you the practice of accountability. There is a saying here which is “be your brother’s keeper”. Emerging from the Covid-19 Epidemic, we have experienced that this saying is of the upmost importance to the prosperity of our College. While you will be experiencing a new life full of independence, it is important to look after each other and ensure that your fellow brothers are able to achieve their full potential. In our collective journey to emerge from the College as better men and citizens, it is important that we remind ourselves that if one fails, we all fail. Take pride in your ability to lift others and hold yourself accountable for all of your actions.

While you may find challenges in this new sense of independence, know that there have been many that have walked along the same path. Some of the best advice that I can give you is to take pride in your work. Complete your work on time and in an honest fashion. Do not give in to temptation, no matter how hard. Immerse yourself in the vast amounts of knowledge offered by all within these gates. Take time to explore the surrounding wilderness and land. Don’t be afraid to try new hobbies or activities. Sign up for as many clubs/organizations that you can. Attend guest lectures and forums. Read the newspaper. And above all, enjoy the fellowship of our Brotherhood.

Roll Tigers Always.
Student Court Chairman Ian Novak ‘23

Gentlemen,

Over two thousand years ago, a man wiser than I shall ever be said, “First say to yourself what would you be; and then do what you need to do.”

College is perhaps the easiest time in your life to reflect upon this ancient advice. We are blessed; we don’t have children to provide for, a mortgage to pay, or to work for a boss we hate. Instead, we have a great deal of free time and are surrounded by people who—like you—want to grow into good men. This Hill has every conceivable opportunity for growth. If you want to delve deeply into a subject, professors would love to mentor you in that field. If you want to improve your physical fitness, join an intramural team or find friends to go to Tiger Rec with you. If you want to become more involved in helping people, ask Sandy Cook what you can do to help your community.

No matter what aspect of your life you want to improve, this year will allow you to make progress toward transforming yourself into the man you wish to be. Contemplate who you want to be by the end of the year, and deliberately choose the activities you partake in based on your own goals. We are a brotherhood; we will support you in any way we can. Never stop working towards becoming the best version of yourself and pushing others toward that noble goal. Be the embodiment of Hampden-Sydney’s mission to form good men and good citizens; be the reason others are transformed into the noble visage this year.

Sincerely,

Noah Moore ‘23
Student Senate Chairman

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DANIEL NIVENS ‘24
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I spent six weeks this summer in the United Kingdom, and one of the first things I noticed was the different ways of thanking people. In the United States, when you hold the door for someone or perform some other minor courtesy, you will receive one of three types of thanks: the head nod, a hearty “thanks or “thank you,” or silence. In the U.K., though, you almost certainly will get a cheerful “Cheers, mate” or silence.

Choosing to ignore the ill-mannered among us, I was almost instantly captured by the use of “Cheers,” likely because I tend to overthink things like this. I promise, if you spend a few minutes thinking about it, you’ll realize how weird it is. What could you possibly mean by “cheers?” Do you mean like the champagne toast? Are you telling ME to be cheerful? Telling yourself? Is it just verbal filler? Or do you mean that you’re cheering me

on for doing good?

I imagine you could follow this rabbithole of questions down any simple pleasantries we use in English. As far as I can tell, one might answer yes to any and all of the questions above as to the meaning of “cheers.” Perhaps much more saliently, my linguistic ramblings encapsulate what I want you to know about Hampden-Sydney.

Firstly, you all, as the Class of 2026, will be the College’s 250th graduating class (technically 251st, but I’m towing the party line). That’s certainly deserving of a toast. Unfortunately for you and fortunately for me, however, is the fact that you bear a great deal of responsibility. You all have now become, perhaps to a greater extent than the rest of us, the representatives of Good ‘Ole H-SC. Two-hundred-and-fifty years of tradition rest on your shoulders. No pressure. Take cheer, though, because that tradition is a truly incredible one. There are tangible factors: All of you will sign the Honor Code

and Code of Conduct. Some of you will live in Cushing Hall, which has been the home of murder, love, intrigue, and study since 1822. Others might join our long tradition of student government. Some might debate at the Union-Philanthropic Literary Society, which has existed as a debate society since 1789. Still others may write for this paper, which is entering its 102nd year. Some of you may even have the pleasure of starting new traditions.

There are also the intangibles, though, which are just as or more important than the tangibles. We stop and talk to people as we walk around campus, which as a tradition has been dying for the past two years. Even if we don’t know them, we say hello and ask them how they’re doing. We show up for events, be they a fraternity party or an academic lecture. We write and speak cogently. Even as we *huc venite iuvenes*, we *ut exeatis viri* and make a difference in the world. You’re now entering the gates; use this time to prepare for

when you leave. It sneaks up on you.

I equally direct my charge to the returning students, though. It’s hard sometimes for us to trust our traditions to new people, but having met some of you already, I don’t think we have much to worry about. We’re here to guide you along and help you learn what it means to be a Hampden-Sydney gentleman. By we, I mean both students and professors. Don’t be afraid to introduce yourself and ask for help; we want you to succeed.

So, I urge you to get at it. Hampden-Sydney is boiling over with opportunity. Join the club. Go on the trip. Attend the lecture. Give the speech. Take the responsibility. Whatever you do, don’t waste it.

But also have fun. Take on the “filler” of H-SC, which just like verbal fillers, are an essential part of the experience.

I think I’ve gone on long enough. Hampden-Sydney has a lot to discover, and I leave it to you.

C h e e r s ,
Class of 2026.

THE BACK PAGE

No Lack of Talent: Christian’s Corner: A Look At *The Talented Mr. Ripley* Self-Control on the Hill

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DANIEL NIVENS '24
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To those of you who know me, you probably know that I am quite terrible at watching movies. Chances are if you ever ask me “Have you seen this movie?”, the answer is no. So, in an effort to make myself watch some movies, I am writing this column. In every issue of *The Tiger*, I will be writing a non-spoiler review of an old movie that I had never seen. These movies could be a decade old; they could be five decades old. The moral of the story is that spoiler alerts never spoil.

Welcome to Season 2 of my fragile attempt to improve my cinematic literacy! But more importantly, welcome to Italy, 1953. For the first movie of the year, we’re taking a look at *The Talented Mr. Ripley* from 1999. This movie has a lot of firepower: Matt Damon, Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Cate Blanchett, just to name the headliners. Matt Damon plays Tom Ripley, a young piano player living in NYC. After filling in for a Princeton grad with a broken arm at a ritzy Park Avenue

gala, Mr. Ripley is hired to bring Dickie Greenleaf, the son of a shipping baron, back home from Italy, where he’s been tanning and spending daddy’s money with his fiancé. The poor Mr. Ripley quickly becomes enamoured with the lifestyle, and, well, it all goes downhill from there. I can’t give you anymore details without spoiling the movie, other than to say that this film is classified as a thriller. The acting is truly superb. Damon convincingly plays the shy, awkward, occasionally likable, but mostly creepy Tom Ripley. Each and every one of the characters perfectly captures the mood and attitude of the generationally wealthy in 1950’s New York. Law received a bid for Best Supporting Actor for this role, and while I don’t know who won in 2000, I’m shocked it wasn’t him. Certainly no complaints on this front. In terms of cinematography, Anthony Minghella’s stunning shots of Italy and the use of the light to make the entire thing seem dreamlike draws you in instantly. In the more close and personal scenes, the

angles perfectly capture the attitude of the characters towards each other, moving seamlessly from intimate to creepy to dangerous. The only complaint I have is that the movie may spend a bit too much time in the glitz and glamour. While I certainly enjoyed not realizing the movie I was watching was a thriller until half way through, they could have spent more time on the classically exciting substance and still have achieved the same effect. Similarly, the movie tends to oversexualize certain relationships and scenes in a way that, from my understanding of the source material, perverts the intention of Patricia Highsmith’s novel. However, neither of these two factors significantly detracted from my enjoyment of the film. Overall, *The Talented Mr. Ripley* is one of the best movies I saw this summer. The day after I watched it I could not stop talking about it; I brought it up at least ten times. With those factors in mind, we start off the semester strong with a 95%.

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Brothers and Sisters of Hampden-Sydney. It is a new school year, and it is great to be back on campus. For those new students starting their college career, welcome and you couldn’t have picked a better place to start. Hampden-Sydney provides the best opportunities for learning, but you must strive for it. The professors here actually do care about your studies and are all willing to help you out whenever you need help. In short, there are plenty of resources available to you, but it is up to you to utilize them. Beyond classes, the brotherhood here at Hampden-Sydney ensures that there is always a friendly face nearby, making the Moans slightly more bearable. Take advantage of the people here to make some life long friendships. The day has come when you all have the most control over your lives. With your newfound free time, remember to continue to give “to God the things that

are God’s” (Luke 20:25). It is easy to fall out of your faith amid all the new experiences open to you all, but “Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil” (Proverbs 4:27). College

taking advantage of the many opportunities here at Hampden-Sydney. Whether it is the Episcopal, Catholic, or Baptist churches in town or our very own College Church right here on campus, there is not time like



brings about its own plethora of temptations, and it is up to each of us to maintain our self-control. We must “Be sober, be watchful. [Our] adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). As in all things, moderation is the standard to be pursued. If any of us who have let weeks go by without heading to church, I hope that we fix that by

now to start building some good habits. Better late than never, though earlier is even better. Alas, that is but my humble interpretation. Each person is called into a relationship with Christ, and each person is unique. If you have any questions or quarrels with whatever I have said, please, do not hesitate to email me, David Crego, at Cregod23@hsc.edu. God Bless!

ROTC, CONT’D

platoon beds down for the night around five or so, pulling security in the event of an attack while other members of the platoon conduct hygiene, clean their weapons, or eat. In the field, most of this is done on little sleep due the requirement for constant security around the area where the platoon is sleeping. Training in the field is broken up by long ruck marches, the first of which is eight miles and occurs after the first three days in the field. This brings cadets to a resupply and rest base, where they stay, refit, and shower before returning to the field. After the final day in the field, the regiment conducts a twelve-mile ruck march back to the barracks they stayed in prior to arriving in the field. After that, the hard part of CST is over. The cadets turn in their weapons, get ready to leave, and get to see their families at graduation.

Obviously, CST is an environment where the cadets are evaluated continuously by the training cadre and their peers. It stands to reason that going through such a difficult exercise would impart some important lessons onto the cadets as well. Cadet Novak wrote about the experience: “I found that listening to others and offering a chance for all the show their strengths was the best way to complete each challenge we faced together as a team. Learning to operate under stressful environments reinforced in me that the only way for a leader to succeed is to lead with their team as their priority. Taken from our Creed, ‘I understand MISSION first and PEOPLE always.’” Cadet Davis wrote of the experience: “My biggest takeaway from camp was that to be a good leader, you have to be a good follower. The two sides aren’t op-

posites; they’re required from everyone to complete the mission.” These cadets explained the overall lessons of CST well. Perhaps the most important lesson imparted on this editor is the importance of a people to have a common goal and reason in mind in order to be their best. If everyone does their own thing, the mission will fail. It is in the cohesion of the unit that victory is found. ROTC is a program built on forming future leaders for the Army and the nation. In that way, it is very similar to the mission of Hampden-Sydney. Forming good men and good citizens provides an underlying basis for the formation of good officers and good leaders. Cadet summer training is perhaps the most difficult thing that the cadets of 2023 will endure during the course of their career at The College, but they are sure to come out better for it.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Meriweather Lewis Is Born, 1774

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On this day in history, August 18th, 1774, Meriweather Lewis was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. The famous explorer was born just one year and sixty miles away from our own Hampden-Sydney. In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson appointed Lewis to lead an expedition across the newly acquired Louisiana Terri-

tory with William Clark. The journey spanned 8,000 miles and three years. The expedition followed the Mississippi River, spanned the Great Plains, crossed the Rockies, and reached the Pacific Ocean. Along the way, Lewis and Clark interacted with a diverse set of native peoples. The aid of Sacagawea, a Shoshone interpreter, was vital to the success of the expedition. Upon his return to the East

Coast, Lewis was awarded 1,600 acres, double pay, and the governorship of the Territory of Northern Louisiana. However, soon after he took up the post, he died a mysterious and violent death caused by two gunshot wounds. The status of the death as a suicide is disputed. There are two morals to the story of Meriweather Lewis: don’t be afraid to accept help, and don’t forget the rules of firearm safety.